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OF REASSERTING POLICY REUNIFICATION, HOWEVER REMOTE ITS ATTAINMENT MIGHT BE. HE HOPED UNDERSTANDABLE EMPHASIS ON ALLIED ACCESS AND AIR ACCESS DID NOT MEAN WE WERE FORGETTING BERLINERS' OWN VITAL LIFELINES ON SURFACE ROUTES. HE ALSO HOPED THAT UNDERSTANDABLE PREOCCUPATION WITH MAINTAINING ACCESS AS ONE OF OUR VITAL INTERESTS WOULD NOT LEAD US TO GO SO FAR IN REACHING MODUS VIVENDI AS TO UNDERMINE THE VERY REASON FOR OUR BEING IN BERLIN, I.E., AS CARETAKERS OF GERMAN CAPITAL PENDING REUNIFICATION. HOWEVER UNREALISTIC REUNIFICATION MIGHT SEEM, IT WAS AN ABIDING GERMAN GOAL. WE WOULD BE MAKING GREAT MISTAKE TO FAIL COMPREHEND DEPTH THIS SENTIMENT. IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AREA NOTHING SO IMPORTANT AMONG GERMANS AS THEMES SELF-DETERMINATION AND REUNIFICATION.

I REPORT FOREGOING BECAUSE IT FITS PATTERN OF MANY OTHER SIMILAR REACTIONS FROM FEDREP AND BERLIN. WITH PRESENT TENDENCY TO JUDGE EVERYTHING IN RELATION TO OUR SOMEWHAT DOGMATICALLY DEFINED "VITAL INTERESTS", RECENT RATHER VIOLENT OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC GERMAN REACTION TO AMERICAN COMMENTARY ON BERLIN PROBLEM MAY SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE. ..

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